

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS  
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS  
JTPD PROGRAM OPERATORS  
EDD JOB SERVICE OFFICE MANAGERS  
JTPD STAFF

SUBJECT: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA (SDA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY

A summary of the July 10, 1998, SDA Advisory Committee meeting is attached. If you have questions regarding the summary, please contact John Croft, Manager, Administration and Capacity Building Section, at (916) 653-0613.

/S/ BILL BURKE  
Assistant Deputy Director

Attachment

## SERVICE DELIVERY AREA (SDA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

July 10, 1998  
Sacramento

### Participants

Steve Arcelona, Private Industry Council (PIC) of San Francisco, Inc.  
Mike Curran, North Santa Clara Valley Job Training Consortium  
Sue Cleere-Flores, Los Angeles City  
Joe Daniel, Tulare County PIC  
Larry Fitch, San Diego Workforce Partnership Inc.  
Greg Irish, Santa Cruz County  
Keith Lee and Terry Bishop, San Bernardino County

Bill Burke, Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD)  
Liz Clingman, JTPD  
John Croft, JTPD  
Jim Curtis, JTPD  
Michael Evashenk, JTPD  
Bob Hermsmeier, JTPD  
Brendon Kelly, Labor Market Information Division (LMID)  
Pat Lowder, Department of Social Services (DSS)  
Don Migge, JTPD  
Danna Owens, Workforce Policy Division  
Jim Rostron, Compliance Review Division  
Dean Smith, State Job Training Coordinating Council (SJTCC)

The data validation youth competency review was added as a hot topic agenda item.

### **Hot Topics**

- Implementation of Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Waivers

Members were reminded to submit their Waiver Checklist and Performance Agreement for selection/non-selection of optional waivers as instructed in the Implementation of JTPA Waivers Draft Directive. The final Directive will be released soon.

Changes have been made to the Job Training Automation system to accommodate the new reporting and accounting requirements; the system is ready to accept first-quarter reports.

The JTPD will provide guidance on reporting cost categories for on-going 40 percent projects.

- Congressional Action to Eliminate Program Year (PY) 1998/99 Summer Youth Employment Training Program (SYETP)

The House Appropriations Subcommittee voted to eliminate the PY 1998/99 SYETP.

The Department of Labor (DOL) is requesting that SDAs provide information on successful programs as well as press releases announcing the launch of their summer youth program, including community and private sector involvement. The DOL has also authored excellent talking points supporting the SYETP which will be sent to the congressional delegation before the next vote.

The committee recommended the state take a leadership role and decisive action sending a message to Congress that eliminating the SYETP is unacceptable. The suggestion will be discussed with the Employment Development Department (EDD) Director Ray Remy. Liz Clingman will collect data on the number of summer youth participating in the program.

- 1998 Flood Project

The state received an additional \$49.2 million from DOL for the flood project. The total received to date is \$74.2 million. Allocations are being expedited for release.

- Special Committee on Career Competencies Survey

Members were encouraged to complete the Special Committee on Career Competencies Survey. Developed by the State Job Training Coordinating Council (SJTCC), in conjunction with the Center for Career Studies at California State University Long Beach, the survey is intended to identify assessment tools used to identify employability skills. A report is expected out in the fall.

- One-Stop Career Center Certification

Danna Owens, Manager, Statewide Systems Building Team, provided a handout of the One-Stop Career Center System Certification Sub-Committee Charter. The objective of the workgroup sub-committee is to develop local policy boards and the criteria for establishing those boards. The boards will work to certify the local WorkNet Centers. The recommendations will be presented to the task force in August for further direction. If accepted, a draft will be sent to the SDAs and One-Stop Career Centers. A major concern was expressed by the SDA directors that local policy bodies separate from the PICs are being established for certification of one-stops. The Advisory Committee will not endorse the recommendations. Also, concern was raised related to the new name of WorkNet. The SDA directors felt the one-stops should be granted a local option as to their name. Ms. Owens will convey the Advisory Committee's concerns to the task force chair for direction.

- Youth Competency Review

The following concerns were expressed regarding the Youth Competency Data Validation review: short timeframe to report data; no opportunity for SDAs to substantiate data after September 30, 1998; and review team interpretation of what constitutes a youth competency measure is at variance with that of many of the SDAs.

The state's goal is to maintain and ensure an accurate and consistent system with which to report data to DOL for the purpose of awarding incentive awards.

Jim Rostron, Compliance Review Division, discussed the methodology the review team will use to conduct its review.

### **Discussion on Expansion of Local Labor Market Information (LMI)**

Brendon Kelly, LMID, provided information on the various LMI products including data analysis by geographic area, economic projections, and occupational statistics. The LMID is currently collecting wage data for all regions of the state. Their web site provides information on services offered at the local level. Consultant services are available through the Area Services Group who can develop products for the SDAs based on individual need. The SDAs are interested in knowing which industry clusters are driving the economy. The JTPD will issue an information bulletin in August to announce available Title III money to fund labor market expansion.

### **Welfare-to-Work (WtW)**

- **State Plan**

The Governor signed the WtW State Plan on June 30, 1998. Language in the plan was modified to state that California will follow the Fair Labor Standards Act, but does not necessarily agree that the guidelines accurately reflect the law. The DOL regional staff are working with National Office to date the WtW State Plan and Notice of Obligation (NOO) June 30, 1998. If the NOO is dated June 30, 1998, there will be no impact on the SDAs getting funds even if the state budget is not approved.

- **15 Percent Solicitation**

Over 200 letters of intent to apply for the 15 percent Governor's Discretionary funds were received by JTPD. Scoring will take place the week of July 27, 1998 in San Diego. The JTPD cannot provide much information at this time because of the procurement process. The SDAs offered technical assistance to those proposals funded. Weekly updates on the proposals will be provided to the SDA community.

- 25 Percent DOL Solicitation

The JTPD received 113 of the 25 percent proposals and provided comments to each applicant per federal direction.

- SDA/County Welfare Department Advisory Group

The June 24 WtW Advisory Group minutes and the July 15 meeting agenda were distributed. The committee discussed concerns with financial and participant reporting requirements and the performance bonus system.

### **WtW Capacity Building**

A WtW forum is tentatively planned for September 17 and 18 and is cosponsored by DOL Region IX, California Workforce Association, and JTPD. There will be four to five panel discussions. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 400 in attendance. The keynote speaker is Mr. Kip Stollemyer of Greg Newton and Associates.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.